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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE CITIZEN JULY 25;

BEGIN TEXT: SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT ACCEPT A SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE REINTEGRATION
OF WALVIS BAY INTO SOUTH WEST AFRICA, AN INFORMED OBSERVER
SAID IN PRETORIA YESTERDAY.

THE RESOLUTION WHICH WAS APPARENTLY BEING SUPPORTED
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BY THE WESTERN BIG FIVE AND SWAPO WAS NOT ONLY COMPLETELY
UNACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA, BUT IT ALSO CONFIRMED GOVERNMENT'S
SUSPICIOUS THAT SWAPO INTENDED TO USE THE RESOLUTION LATER
IN CLAIMING THAT THEY HAD WON WALVIS BAY BACK FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

COMMENTING ON THE CRISIS SITUATION SURROUNDING THE
INTENDED INTRODUCTION OF THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION, HE
SAID THE UN CHARTER DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SOVEREIGN LAND,
LIKE WALVIS BAY, TO BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UN.

ONLY LAND UNDER TRUSTEESHIP OR AREAS RULED BY UN
MANDATE COULD BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WORLD BODY.

AS THIS WAS A STRONG MATTER OF PRINCIPLE IN THE UN
CHARTER, IT WAS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE SA GOVERNMENT WOULD
GIVE IN ON THE ISSUE.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNT YESTERDAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S
STAND ON WALVIS BAY REMAINED UNALTERED: THAT WALVIS
BAY IS A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT AND THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT
TERRITORY, AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT PREPARED TO ALLOW
ANY ONE OR ANY INSTANCE, INCLUDING THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL,
TO PREJUDGE SUCH DELIBERATIONS.

A STATEMENT BY SWAPO'S SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION,
MR. MOKGANEDI THLABANELLO, THAT WALVIS BAY WOULD BE TAKEN
OVER BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WAS
SATISFIED THAT THE PORT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY UNTIL IT WAS RETURNED TO SWA, PROVED
THAT SWAPO WOULD CLAIM THE HONORS FOR OBTAINING WALVIS
BAY AS A SWA HARBOUR.

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A GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT REVEALING THE WHOLE
PATTERN OF GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WESTERN CONTACT
GROUP REGARDING WALVIS BAY SO FAR, WAS WELL AS THE PRIME
MINISTER'S NOTE TO THE FIVE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS, IS EXPECTED
TO BE MADE LATER TODAY AS SOON AS THE PRIVE MINISTER'S NOTE
HAD BEEN RELEASED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT AT THE UN.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL PROBABLY GIVE DETAILS OF THE
RANGE OF MESSAGES AND INFORMAL STANDPOINTS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE, AS WELL AS A CLEAR INDICATION
OF WHAT DIRECTION THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE SHOULD THE WEST
SUPPORT THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION.

WESTERN AMBASSADORS TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT THEY HAVE
CONVEYED THE PRIME MINISTER'S NOTE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS BUT HAD RECEIVED NEITHER ANSWERS NOR INSTRUCTIONS
BY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

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THEY MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE WESTERN BIG FIVE WERE NOT SPONSORING THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION, NOR WERE THEY OF A DIFFERENT OPINION THAT BEFORE ON THE MATTER.

ASKED WHETHER SOUTH AFRICA'S FAITH IN THE WEST WOULD NOT BE HARMED AS A RESULT, A WESTERN SPOKESMAN SAID: "I DON'T THINK SO, BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR DECISIONS.

"WE HAVE ALL ALONG SAID THAT WALVIS BAY WAS NOT PART OF OUR SETTLEMENT PLANS, BUT WE HAVE ALSO TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT CANNOT PERMANENTLY AVOID THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RAISING OF THE MATTER AT UN LEVEL BY OTHER PARTIES.

"ALTHOUGH WE NEVER PLANNED TO SPONSOR SUCH A RESOLUTION, WE TOLD THE GOVERNMENT THERE WAS A CONTINUOUS POSSIBILITY THAT OTHERS WERE PLANNING TO TABLE SUCH A RESOLUTION."

THE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA WERE NOT SURE YESTERDAY WHETHER THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION OR WHETHER THEY WOULD MAKE A TURN-ABOUT REGARDING THEIR STANDING VIEWS THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED BETWEEN THE SA GOVERNMENT AND AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. PIK BOTHA, SIAD A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED. HE DID NOT WANT TO EXPAND ON THIS VIEW.

SHOULD SOUTH AFRICA DECIDE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WESTERN
PEACE INITIATIVE IN THE EVENT OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE WALVIS
BAY RESOLUTION BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, IT IS STILL
LIKELY THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO INSTITUTE THE WESTERN
SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS, WHICH IS ACCEPTED EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT
WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.

IT IS LIKELY THEN THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE A
STEP NEARER TO MANDATORY ECONOMIC AND OIL EMBARGOES.

VARIOUS SOUTH WEST AFRICAN POLITICAL LEADERS EXPRESSED
THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WEST
MIGHT LEAVE THEM IN THE LURCH BY SUPPORTING A SWAPO MARXIST-
ORIENTATED RESOLUTION.

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AKTURS LEADER, MR. A. H. DU PLESSIS, SAID HE
THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WHEN SWAPO ACCEPTED THE WEST'S
PROPOSALS AT THE LUANDA MEETING.

"I WONDER WHETHER ONE WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO TRUST
THE WEST AGAIN IF THEY DROP US ON THIS ISSUE."

DTA LEADER, MR. DIRK MUDGE, SAID THE WEST COULD
CREATE A CRISIS WHICH WOULD HARM THEIR GOOD FAITH IF THEY
SUPPORT THE UN RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY.

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